

THURSDAY

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Several hurt in van, car crash

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Seven people were transported to area hospitals with minor injuries Wednesday afternoon following a two-car accident



Newport involving a van from the Sullivan County Nursing Home.

According to authorities, the accident occurred at 1:20 p.m. at the intersection of Bascom Road and Unity Road when the 1999 Ford van and a Chevrolet Cavalier collided.

"We considered this a mass-casualty incident due to the number of patients," Newport fire chief Pete Lamb said.

Both vehicles were heavily damaged and the road was closed for a short time.

Due to the high number of

victims, all three Newport ambulances and one ambulance from Golden Cross were used to transport patients to New London Hospital and Valley Regional Hospital.

Lamb said the names of the victims were unavailable, but added that none of the injuries were serious. No one from the Newport Police Department was available for comment.

Assisting the fire department at the scene were members of the Newport Police and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department. New London ambulance and the Sunapee Fire Department covered the fire station until about 2:40 when the incident was cleared.

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